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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Earl Salterio, F.C.N.A. ; F.C.N.R.S.

Greetings, My Friends. By the time you read this, snow will have fallen in most of Canada and those areas of the U.S.A. that experience snow. With this winter wonderland comes the thoughts of the Festive Season of PEACE , HOPE, JOY and GOODWILL, and VISIONS of OPTIMISM for the NEW YEAR. While the horrific events of September 11th have turned the entire world into chaos, let us not become down-hearted, but let us hope and pray that in the year 2002 our world leaders will resolve those differences that have brought us all again to the brink of war.

The Christmas Season is a time of gift giving, so, in this spirit, I'd like to leave you with this little poem by *Joyce Kilmer*, that I read recently.

TREES

I think that I shall never see
A poem as lovely as a tree.
A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against earth's sweet flowing breast;
A tree that looks at God all day
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;
A tree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;
Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.
Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.

A point to ponder. Our woods come from these same trees.

I wish each and everyone of you and your families, a **VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS-
JOYEUX NOEL**, and to our Jewish brethren, **A HAPPY HANUKKAH**; and last but not least
to **ALL** a truly **HAPPY, PROSPEROUS and PEACEFUL 2002.**
PEACE!!!!!!

President Earl

"FREE WOOD" MAILING THIS MONTH:

There are many CAWMC members who ask me to **HOLD** their monthly 'free woods' so they can be mailed all at once using much, more secure packaging in order to help avoid breakage. I usually mail all the monthly woods in December to those requesting they be held. They are being mailed this month. The woods are placed into a cardboard insert which is made by **Lou Vesh**, and then mailed in a large brown envelope. By mailing them this way, the post office processes them differently, thus avoiding the breakage. Hopefully they will all arrive safely. *Thank you Lou* for making the inserts. If there are other members who would like me to hold their woods, for once a year mailing, as well, please let me know and it will be done.

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL:

If you haven't already done this, please do it now before you forget again. Your renewal would be for the year 2002. Membership chairman, *Al Munro's* address is at the bottom of this page.

CHRISTMAS WOODS:

I have received many, but I know there are still more out there. Please send them along to me. They will be shown in the February issue.

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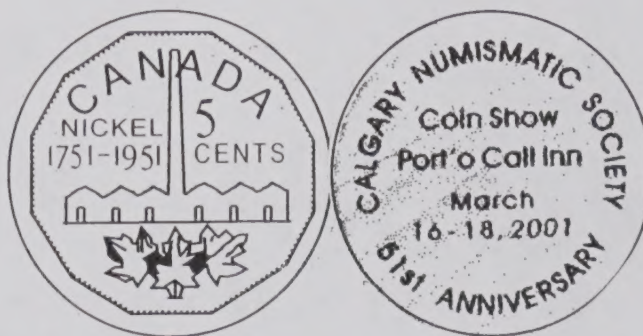
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DUES: Membership dues in the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors is:

Canadian Residents: \$10.00 Canadian Funds
 United States Residents: \$10.00 U.S. Funds
 International Members Rate (outside of Canada and U.S.): \$20.00 Canadian Funds
 Youth (16 years of age and under): \$5.00

Dues paid to Mr. Al Munro, Box 2643 Stn. 'M', Calgary, AB, Canada T2P 3C1

FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH

This month's free wood was donated to the membership by **Al Munro**, our membership chairman from Calgary. It was printed by Norm Belsten of Downsview, Ontario and made for the Calgary Numismatic Society's fifty-first Coin Show held in March of this year. The wood is green in colour on both sides. Thank you Al for this wood.

THREE ANNIVERSARIES COMMEMORATED BY WOOD:**FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:**

CAWMC member **Stan Banner** of 9354 Webster Place Sidney, B.C. V8L 2S1 has sent this lovely wood flat to me. Two hundred woods, gold both sides, were made to help celebrate he and wife **Helene's** 50th wedding anniversary. *Congratulations Stan and Helene.* The wood is available from Stan for a SASE.

**HELENE AND STAN
BANNER**

SEPTEMBER 15, 1951 - 2001

50 YEARS

ONE WOODEN NICKEL

THEY SAY WHEN YOU ARE
ENJOYING LIFE, TIME FLIES.
WITH GODS BLESSING,
IT SEEMS LIKE JUST YESTERDAY.
A LITTLE BUMPY AT TIMES,
BUT GENERALLY "GREAT"

TWENTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

CAWMC member **Noreen Howcroft** and husband Norm of Barrie, Ontario have issued this wood to recognize the 20th wedding anniversary of their son Steven and daughter-in-law Katherine. The date has been corrected on the wood from August to July 25th. The corrected side is black in colour while the other side is blue. I'm sure this wood could be obtained for a SASE from Noreen at 107 Victoria Street Barrie, Ontario L4N 2J2.

**FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY WOOD:**

This wood was sent to me by **Bob Savoy** of 643 Beaverbrook Road Miramichi, New Brunswick E1V 4R4. This wood is from Chatham, New Brunswick, is blue on both sides and expires on Dec. 31st. Note the abbreviated form of December (Des.). There were two hundred fifty of these woods made. The wood costs Bob \$1.00 to mail out to anyone interested.

**NEXT "TIMBER TALK" ISSUE IN FEBRUARY 2002:**

As stated in a previous issue of Timber Talk, your editor needs material. At present there is not enough material to make a January issue worthwhile. Please send along your material. In the meantime I echo what our president Earl has said in his President's Message. I hope everyone has a *happy, safe* holiday season. See you in *February*.

CHRISTMAS 2001 WOODS:

lt. blue/multi

red/red

Merry
Christmas

2001

Common Obverse

green/red

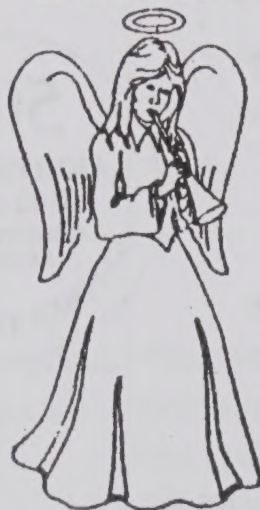
red/green

*Best Wishes For
Health Happiness
And Prosperity
Throughout
The New Year*

ROBERT M. BROWN JR.
HIGHSPIRE
PENNSYLVANIA

green/red

red/green

Merry
Christmas

2001

green/red

green/red

*Best Wishes For
Health Happiness
And Prosperity
Throughout
The New Year*

RON ZELK
DOWNSVIEW
ONTARIO

*Best Wishes For
Health Happiness
And Prosperity
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The New Year*

JEN & TED BOYALL
RICHMOND HILL, ONT.

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CHRISTMAS 2001 WOODS continued:

red/green

green/red

multi

red/green

red/green

50 black/green
black/green

50 multi
black/green

green/black

red/black

black/red

red

black/blue

J. DOUGLAS FERGUSON AWARD 2001 GOES TO JEROME (JERRY) H. REMICK

Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors member #R196, Jerry Remick, was presented with the J. Douglas Ferguson Award at the Canadian Numismatic Association convention banquet on July 28th in Quebec City, receiving a standing ovation. Other CAWMC members to have previously received this award are Jim Charlton and Earl Salterio.



Ron Greene (left) presented Jerry Remick with the prestigious J. Douglas Ferguson Medal.

Jerry is a Fellow of the Canadian Numismatic Association, the Ontario Numismatic Association, the Canadian Numismatic Research Society, the South African Numismatic Association, and the Royal Numismatic Society of Great Britain. He is a writer of over two thousand numismatic articles and has authored or co-authored nine books on various numismatic subjects. Indeed, he is a worthy and popular recipient.

In his acceptance speech, Jerry thanked the members of the Board of Award "for the great honour you have given me". He also thanked the eight numismatists who nominated him for the Award this year. He passed his Medal (shown here) and Citation around so "all can share it with me".



This prestigious award, Canada's highest numismatic distinction, was introduced in 1969 by the late J. Douglas Ferguson to recognize an individual who, in the opinion of the Board of Award, has contributed the most to the advancement of numismatics in Canada in any manner and who has not previously received it. The award comes in the form of a 1 ½ inch Medal along with a framed Citation. The Medal, designed by Arnaldo Marchetti originally was struck in gold, up to 1978 weighing 1.2 troy ounces and after that year, 0.75 troy ounces. Due to the high cost of gold in recent years, it is now minted by the Royal Canadian Mint in pure silver and then gold plated, showing a proof surface. The recipient's name and the year he was awarded the Medal are engraved on the reverse. Jerry is the 33rd numismatist to be so honoured. Congratulations Jerry on a well - deserved award.